

Revised on 5/20/13 based on amendments adopted through 5/16/13.

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2013-14		FY 2014-15	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$451,336		\$451,384	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,633		\$1,652	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$452,969		\$453,036	

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 556 pertains to telehealth services for children’s behavioral health. The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to adopt rules and regulations providing for telehealth services for children’s behavioral health. Intent language is included in the bill providing for optional behavioral health screenings to be offered by physicians at the time of childhood physicals. Mental health and substance abuse services received by a child are eligible for medical assistance coverage (Medicaid) as are transmission and related services for telehealth services. The language in current law regarding the early and periodic screening and diagnostic treatment program is expanded to include behavioral health screening, diagnosis and treatment services.

The bill also establishes the Behavioral Health Screening and Referral Pilot Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). The pilot program will be offered through three clinics selected in the state, including one urban and one rural site. Behavioral health screening for children is to be provided at each clinic. Children identified as at risk may be referred for further evaluation and diagnosis and a treatment plan is to be developed if intervention is required. Consultation via telephone or telehealth with staff at UNMC shall be available. Data on the pilot program shall be collected and evaluated. The pilot program terminates two years after the effective date of the bill.

HHS Expenditures: HHS indicates there will be one-time costs to develop rules and regulations. It is assumed the department has sufficient staff and resources to develop rules. The bill requires HHS to provide for transmission costs for telehealth services. It is assumed that increased transmission costs will be at least equal to current costs, so expenditures will increase by \$2,969 (\$1,336 G, \$1,633 F) in FY14 and \$3,036 (\$1,384 G, \$1,652 F) in FY15.

UNMC Expenditures: UNMC estimates \$450,000 of general funds will be needed for the pilot telehealth project in FY 14 and FY15.

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2013-2014</u>		<u>FY 2014-2015</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$10,114		\$1,384	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,633		\$1,652	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$11,747		\$3,036	

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 556 AM991 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations providing for telehealth services for children’s behavioral health. It also creates the Behavioral Health Screening and Referral Pilot Program. The Pilot will be operated by the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). Evaluation of the program will be done by the Interdisciplinary Center for Program Evaluation at the Monroe-Meyer Institute of UNMC.

DHHS would have a one-time cost associated with revising regulations associated with the Pilot. The additional research, coordination with UNMC, reviewing and writing is estimated at 200 hours of a salary comparable to a DHHS Program Specialist, for a total cost of \$8,778 in Program 033.

Three clinics will be selected by UNMC to serve as sites for the pilot program. The bill outlines the services and technology to be used which could potentially result in additional transmission costs beyond those currently covered. If the additional transmission costs were equal to current DHHS expenditures for Telehealth transmission costs, the additional expenditures are estimated at \$2,969 (\$1,336 GF, \$1,633 FF) for FY14, and \$3,036 (\$1,384, GF, \$1,652 FF) for FY15 in Program 348. This fiscal note assumes that the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) will not be responsible to pay transmission costs of non-Medicaid eligible clients. It further assumes that any additional program costs related to services provided by the Pilot will not fall to DBH. Pilot program service costs will be billed to Medicaid, CHIP, or private insurance, as appropriate. When no funding source is available, it is assumed that the costs will be borne by the UNMC Pilot.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2013-2014 EXPENDITURES	2014-2015 EXPENDITURES
	POSITION TITLE	13-14		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$8,778	
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....			\$2,969	\$3,036
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$11,747	\$3,036

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LB AM FISCAL NOTE
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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2013-14</u>		<u>FY 2014-15</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$450,000	0	\$450,000	0
CASH FUNDS	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
OTHER FUNDS	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	\$450,000	0	\$450,000	0

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Explanation of Estimate:

The amendment requires UNMC to develop a pilot program to demonstrate a method of addressing the emotional and behavioral health needs of children that can be replicated Statewide.

Provides initial child Behavioral Health (BH) screenings and assessments for Families, Schools, and Physicians in three "pilot" program sites.

Facilitates early identification, diagnosis, and BH treatment for children and families within their primary care physicians' office.

Provides integrated services through collaborations between BH professionals and primary care physicians in the child's "medical home".

Telehealth consultation and back-up referral services from "specialty" providers in Child Psychiatry, Developmental Pediatrics, Psychology, and Psychiatric Nursing is made available from UNMC for more difficult cases.

Evaluation of the program is conducted to determine effectiveness and potential for replication across all areas of NE.

Training of providers of children's physical and behavioral health in areas of the state served by the Behavioral Health Screening and Referral Pilot Program will be provided by the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN).

There are currently 17 rural primary care practices in the state in which there is a Psychologist or behavioral health professional trained at UNMC and many of which are staffed by graduates of UNL's psychology programs. Replication can occur readily in these practices. The practices are in : Columbus, Hastings, Kearney, Grand Island, Crete, Beatrice, Nebraska City, Chadron, Gordon, Alliance, Crawford, Rushville, North Platte, Valley, Wahoo, York, and Fremont.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
	<u>13-14</u>	<u>14-15</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Pediatric Psychologist	0.75	0.75	60,450	60,450
Program Coordinator	0.3	0.3	34,500	34,500
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner	0.6	0.6	42,000	42,000
Child Psychiatry/DB Peds Faculty	0.3	0.3	42,000	42,000
Benefits.....			50,106	50,106
Operating.....			217,944	217,944
Travel.....			3,000	3,000
Capital outlay.....			0	0

Aid.....
Capital improvements.....
TOTAL.....

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